



City Awami League President Mohammad Hanif speaks at a rally at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday protesting filing of chargesheet against Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina in frigate purchase case.

Students, guardians unhappy with JU teachers' politics

JU CORRESPONDENT

General students of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) and their guardians have expressed dissatisfaction at and severely criticised the teachers' politics that disrupted the students' academic life seriously.

In the last one and a half years, the teachers resorted to movements several times to press for their various demands, causing a session jam of seven more months.

Earlier, the students had already been confronting six months' session jam.

"The teachers should be more conscious about the country, especially about the university, as it is the brain of the country. They should practise idealistic politics without disrupting the academic activities," said Mirhaz, a third year student of English department.

The thorny issues of teachers' politics came to a head after Prof. Jasim Uddin Ahmed took over as the vice-chancellor in November 2001. The pro-BNP teachers split into two factions -- one led by Prof. Jasim Uddin and the other by Prof. Mustahidur Rahman. And the students become the victims of such politics.

The division of teachers led to an agitation with demands for elections of the VC panel, senate, syndicate and deans.

The Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) went on strike several times last year to press

home their 11-point demand including VC panel election.

In the wake of the indefinite strike, the VC held the election to syndicate on November 18 last year.

The JUTA enforced the strike for 52 days to press for its demands, but the VC panel election is yet to be held.

The chancellor appointed Prof.

Jasim Uddin Ahmed as vice-chancellor under the 11(2) Section of Jahangirnagar University act, 1973. The act requires that VC panel election should be held within 45 days of the

appointment of VC.

"The teachers are abusing politics for personal benefit. While one group is enforcing agitation programme, the other is trying to grab power. This is because of the teachers following in the footsteps of the mainstream political parties. But they should be individual in their thinking," said Meherun Nesa, a guardian.

"The teachers should enforce a sound way of politics. They could arrange a silent but strong movement by holding discussions and seminars on their demands or submitting memorandum to the authorities," said a student of government and politics department, preferring anonymity.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The high-level committee formed to study the problems of the private universities held its first meeting yesterday with Prof. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC), in the chair.

The committee discussed various aspects of the private universities such as basic facilities, system of education, tuition fee, number of teachers and their qualifications and relations between the members of the board of governors and the vice-chancellor.

The committee will submit its recommendation to the government within three months after an investigation into the problems.



MA Khan's death anniversary today

The 19th death anniversary of Rear Admiral Mahbub Ali Khan, former navy chief and minister for communications and agriculture, will be observed today, says a press release.

Elaborate programme has been taken to observe the day. The programmes include laying of wreaths at the Banani graveyard, Quran Khwani, distribution of sweets in orphanages and special prayers in city mosques after Zohr prayers.

A Milad Mahfil will be held at "Mahbub Bhaban" at House # 40, Road # 05, Dhanmondi R/A, at 7.15 pm.

Relatives, friends, admirers, and colleagues of MA Khan have been requested to attend the milad.

Rear Admiral MA Khan Memorial Committee, Sylhet & UK, has also chalked out various programmes including milad mahfil, special prayers and distribution of food to the poor on the Dargah premises of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R).

Bangladesh Navy will arrange milad mahfil at all its bases in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Kaptai and Mongla.

Surovi, a voluntary organisation, will also hold a milad.

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Discussion
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Sixth Asia Pacific Employers' Conference in city from Dec 1

BSS, Dhaka

A delegation of Bangladesh Employers' Association led by its President M Anis Ud Dowlah met State Minister for Labour and Employment Aman Ullah Arman at his office here yesterday.

The members of the delegation informed the state minister that the sixth Asia Pacific High level Employers' Conference would be held in Dhaka from December 1 to 3.

Delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Guinea, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and

Vietnam are likely to attend the conference.

Besides, representatives from International Labour Organisation (ILO), International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and Japan Business Federation (JBF) will participate in the conference.

The Chief of Toyota Motor Company will also attend the conference, according to an official press release.

The delegation members included Vice Chairman of the Association Kamran T Rahman, Secretary General C K Hyder and members Golam Mainuddin, Neaz Rahim, Rokeya A Rahman and Alamgir Rahman.



Communication Minister Nazmul Huda speaks at a press conference of Ainjibi Oikya Parishad at the Supreme Court Bar Association hall yesterday. The Oikya Parishad has been protesting the 'court boycott' programme.

3 new hospitals in city in next three years

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday decided to establish three new hospitals in capital Dhaka within the next three years, health ministry sources said.

The 500-bed hospitals would be established at populous areas in the city under three-year Health Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPS) that begins in January next involving Tk over 9,600 crore.

It was decided at the first meeting on programme implementation policies of the HNPS at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain chaired the meeting, which was also attended by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha, Health Secretary Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, Additional Secretary Mohammad Lutfar Rahman and officials concerned.

A senior official of the ministry said the sites for the hospitals are

Child Welfare Centres. Decision was also made to develop unani, ayurvedic and homeopathic medical colleges in the country.

Besides, a decision was taken to upgrade 'Continue Education Centres' in Chittagong and Barisal divisions to separate full-fledged nursing colleges, reopening of three Medical Assistant Training Schools and renaming of eight such training schools as training institutions for the improvement of nursing services.



BDF executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bulbul Ahsan of Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS) and Asif Newaz of North South Debating Club (NSDC) have been elected president and general secretary of the Bangladesh Debate Federation (BDF), says a press release.

Saif Chowdhury of Dristi, Chittagong has been elected vice president.

Representatives from Dhaka University, Chittagong University, Jahangirnagar University, North South University, Khulna University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Vidyaranya Noon College, Holy Cross College, Dhaka College, Government Laboratory School and St. Joseph High School will be included in the 17-member executive committee.

Death anniversary

The fifth death anniversary of noted social worker K. Khondoker Z. A. H. Rahman will be observed today (Wednesday).

A former member of the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU), Zahed was the second son of late Khondoker Fazlur Rahman (Mawladad) of Gowaldi, Faridpur.

A doa mahfil will be held at his family residence at 278/2, Elephant Road after Asr prayers, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

Tailor shot dead in slum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Assailants gunned down a tailor inside his slum shanty at Mirjairbagh on Monday.

According to police, the victim, Tota Mian, 28, was an accused in a

'Scrap rule on income tax for lawyers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Progressive Lawyers' Front (PLF) yesterday demanded of the government to scrap the rule making mandatory income tax return submission and trade license for the lawyers.

PLF convenor Advocate Akther Kabir Chowdhury and Member Secretary Advocate Zahurul Islam in a statement said government had illegally intervened in the independent profession of lawyers imposing such a rule.

The PLF leaders urged the government to meet six-point demand including separation of the judiciary from the executive immediately.

They also condemned attack on Masudur Rauf, vice president of Narayanganj District Bar allegedly by the pro-government activists.

They urged lawyers across the country to boycott the court on August 6 to realise six-point demand.



Dhaka Ainjibi Samiti stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of provision of mandatory submission of income tax return for the lawyers.

WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 24.4 degree at Tangail.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:39pm today and rises at 5:30am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius
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